

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A material holding implement including a material holding member adapted for holding a material. The material holding member is made of a thermoplastic resin. The thermoplastic resin is deformable to a material holding configuration at a temperature greater than a constant temperature, and fixable to form a material holding region adapted to apply holding forces on a circumference of the material in a using temperature range lower than the constant temperature. Furthermore, a method of changing a form of the material holding member is provided. The method includes softening the resin by increasing a temperature above the constant temperature, molding the resin into a flat plate by pinching together upper and lower dies having flat surfaces opposing each other, pinching the resin using the upper and lower dies to form a material holding configuration, and fixing the resin by decreasing the temperature below a softening point of the resin.

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